

# Gunmen Shoot Father, 2 Sons

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## EVENING GRAPHIC

Nothing  
but the  
Truth

### Some Landslide



### Smash the Bandits!

**B**RAVE OFFICERS OF THE LAW yesterday were shot down by armed criminals trying to break from Tombs Prison.

Revolvers and machine guns were brought into play in the very heart of New York.

For breaking the uprising too much credit cannot be given to police and the members of the Tombs Prison staff.

These men showed the stuff of which brave men are made by standing under the fire of the bandits, and in some cases of giving the supreme sacrifice of their lives. The way the situation was handled reflects immense credit upon Police Commissioner McLaughlin and his force.

The circumstances that permit such a situation to develop show a laxity of public interest in its own welfare THAT MUST BE ELIMINATED.

Murder and other crime can go on only so long as the public remains uninterested and inactive, and no longer.

Bandits have made a challenge to honest men.

The story of the plot of the Bum Rodgers gang as published in The GRAPHIC has called attention to a situation that is gravely serious.

The way to wipe out Bum and similar vicious thugs is for the public to UNITE TO AID THE POLICE IN ROUNDING THEM UP.

The GRAPHIC is a crusading newspaper. It has plunged into the expose of the criminal bands reckless of its own fate.

It has kept on revealing underworld secrets in spite of threats.

It has done these things as a matter of public policy.

In calling attention to the situation it has done all that can be asked of a newspaper.

It is now up to the public to smash the evil that is threatening the lives and the property of every citizen.

### The Anti-Volstead Tide

**N**EW YORK'S vote of more than a million to liberalize the Volstead act cannot be ignored. Its example was followed in Illinois, California and Nevada, where big wet pluralities were piled up.

The result is so impressive that even ardent dries must admit the wet leanings of the United States.

The result of the referendum will not, because it cannot, lead to immediate liberalization of the law.

It cannot help exerting a powerful influence on national legislators, however.

It should lead quickly to a NATION-WIDE referendum on this burning prohibition question.

The people of a democracy are entitled to be governed by the sort of laws THE MAJORITY DESIRES.

The best way out of a situation that is bringing disrespect for law and order is to GIVE ALL THE PEOPLE A CHANCE TO VOTE ON THIS MATTER in a way that WILL MAKE POSSIBLE THE REFORMS THEY DESIRE.

### Great Thoughts of Great Men

It's but little good you'll do watering last year's crops.—Cross.

The hand that rocks the cradle  
Is the hand that rules the world.—Wallace.

### Life a Noble Calling

"Be inspired with the belief that life is a great and noble calling, not a mean and groveling thing that we are to shuffle through as we can, but an elevated and lofty destiny."—W. E. Gladstone.

Gladstone is now but a memory. But he played an important part in English history. Doubtless, many would term him England's greatest man.

In order to make your life a noble calling you must recognize its exalting possibilities. No man can rise to the dizzy heights of emotional or intellectual attainment unless his imagination can carry him into such a realm.

Think life is a groveling experience, and you will shuffle through it.

Life is a great and wonderful experience if you make it so. It is dull, prosaic, monotonous, without interest, if your mind is similar to that of a plodding mule.

We are the products of our own mental success. If we think high, we can soar into the realm of the unknown. And no one knows the heights to which we may climb.

The past cannot be used as a precedent. Records are being broken every day. We are constantly coming into contact with new factors that influence us for better or for worse.

Gladstone believed that his life was a great and noble calling and his activities and achievements put him in a class by himself, far above the common herd.

Human destiny is limitless. No man knows what is before us. No one can predict the future. You can make or break your career. You can climb to inspiring heights or grovel through life like the crawling worm.

Reach for the stars and you may get above the common herd, but do not be afraid to let your imagination soar skyward. You may have to pull it down to earth, but you are aiming in the right direction.

Upward and onward, always upward, then your record for achievement will at least be aimed in the proper direction.

Regardless of the material riches you may have your biggest assets are the life and health that repose within your own body, and with intensified cultivation they should yield satisfying rewards.

*Bernard Macfadden*

### WHAT HAVE YOU TO SAY?

All letters to the Editor must bear names and addresses or will not be published.

#### POOR SHOULD COME FIRST

To the Editor of The GRAPHIC:—

Why all this fuss about Queen Marie of Rumania? The money the country spends on her should be spent on our poor. There are plenty of needy right here in New York and the mayor could help to make them happier. With her jewels and the size of her bills, is it any wonder the poor gasp with amazement?

MRS. F. D. KELLY,  
Avenue D.

#### HALL-MILLS MYSTERY

To the Editor of The GRAPHIC:—

The truth concerning the Hall-Mills murder case will remain a mystery for a few years more and then be cleared up by a deathbed confession on the part of some one. I don't think there is any positive evidence to convict those who already have been arrested. There has been a lot of bribery and perjury.

LILLIAN SHANNON,  
201 Clinton St.

#### PRaises HECKSCHER PLAN

To the Editor of The GRAPHIC:—  
I thoroughly agree with the plan

of August Heckscher, millionaire philanthropist, to destroy the slums and build anew. If England and Germany are accomplishing this, why can't we? America is the most civilized, wealthiest and most progressive country in the world and can accomplish even greater improvement in this field of construction. JOSEPH ROSEN,  
141 Orchard St., Manhattan.

#### PEOPLE'S CHURCH WANTED

To the Editor of The GRAPHIC:—

Of the six million inhabitants of New York only a small fraction are actively identified with the church. Why? Because the ministry seeks to please the congregation rather than deliver the true message of God. The church today is too highly organized to be of practical use. The average man when he goes to church doesn't want a treatise on politics, theatrical or theological disputations. What is needed is a People's Church, established on the Golden Rule and the Apostles Creed, without officers and salaries.

REX HENDER,  
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